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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ANTIOXIDANT COMPONENTS FOR
REDUCTION OF NUCLEIC ACID DAMAGE
IN COMPANION ANIMALS

Examiner: Charesse Evans

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 21, 2003 (Paper No. 6), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 20-28 for continued examination, without traverse.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10201221 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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